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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>		<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/820,239		THOMPSON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>		<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 1 through 5** filed on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims **6-8** are allowed.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action: It has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. *Ex parte Masham*, 2 USPQ2d 1647 (1987).

The intended use statements are not given any patentable weight in this instance for example **“to indicate the proper location on the self-inflating bag for applying force to the topside of the self-inflating bag” and “to first force air from the self-inflating bag through the tube and the face mask into the patient’s lungs to ventilate the patient’s lungs and then to compress the patient’s sternum”**.

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frimberger (US 3,822,860) in view of Lea (US 3,046,978).

**Referring to claims 1, 3 and 4**, Frimberger discloses the applicant's invention as claimed with the exception of providing target indicia on the self-inflating bag. Lea discloses a manually operated resuscitator that provides target indicia on the self-inflating bag (**see figure 1**). Therefore it would have been obvious to modify Frimberger's invention by providing target indicia on the self inflating bag in order to provide proper amount of force to the self-inflating bag.

It has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. *Ex parte Masham*, 2 USPQ2d 1647 (1987).

The intended use statements are not given any patentable weight in this instance for example **"to indicate the proper location on the self-inflating bag for applying force to the topside of the self-inflating bag" and "to first force air from the self-inflating bag through the tube and the face mask into the patient's lings to ventilate the patient's lungs and then to compress the patient's sternum"**.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frimberger (US 3,882,860).

**Referring to claim 2**, the applicant claims a target indicia that includes a bottom target indicia on the bottom side of the self-inflating bag to indicate the proper position of the self-inflating bag on the patients sternum area. It is not necessary to provide target indicia on both top and bottom of the self-inflating bag as long as there are indicia located on either on top (see Lea reference) or bottom of the self-inflating bag it is good enough to indicate the proper position of the self-inflating bag on the patient's sternum area. Therefore it is considered a matter of design

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choice to either have the target indicia located on top or the bottom surface of the self-inflating bag.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Nihir Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful the examiner supervisor Henry Bennett can be reached at (571) 272 4791.

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June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005



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